GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT AT SHIRDI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the construction of a new airport at Shirdi in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether preliminary viability report for the said purpose has been prepared;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the efforts made/ proposed to be made by the Union Government to complete all the formalities at the earliest;and

(f) the time by which the construction work on the said place is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no proposal under consideration to construct an airport at Shirdi.However, Government of Maharashtra through Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation (MADC) has got the area surveyed and identified 450 hectares of land close to Shirdi towards Kopargaon in District Ahmednagar. MADC has appointed M/s. L & T Ramboll as Consultant for preparation of preliminary viability report.

(e) and (f) No proposal has been received by the Union Government,as yet,from the Government of Maharashtra. Therefore, it will not be possible to indicate any definite time frame at this stage.